

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A disposable diaper having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending therebetween, said diaper comprising at least one of said front and rear waist regions having an edge zone thereof extending in a circumferential direction provided along a full length of said edge zone with an elastic stretchability, wherein:

said waist region comprises a covering zone formed integrally with said crotch region to cover said waist region of diaper wearer and an elastic zone attached along an upper edge of said covering zone and adapted to be elastically stretchable in said circumferential direction; and

said elastic zone comprises a first member adapted to be elastically stretchable in said circumferential direction to a length beyond a length of said covering zone and a second member covering said first member, said second member being adapted to be inelastically stretchable to a length beyond said length of said covering zone and to be attached to said edge of said covering zone.

2. The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said first member comprises a rubber ribbon.

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3. The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said second member comprises a sheet material having an initial length beyond the length of said covering zone in said circumferential direction and formed in said circumferential direction with gathers in order to shorten said sheet material substantially to said length of said covering zone.

4. The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said second member comprises a sheet material having a length substantially equal to the length of said covering zone in said circumferential direction and adapted to be inelastically stretchable in said circumferential direction.

5. The diaper according to Claims 1, wherein said covering zone is non-stretchable in said circumferential direction.

6. The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said covering zone is elastically stretchable in said circumferential direction and has a stretch stress higher than a stretch stress of said elastic zone in a portion of said covering zone extending along said elastic zone and having a same width as said elastic zone.

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7. The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said diaper has elastically stretchable edges of respective leg-holes and each of these edges comprises an elastically stretchable third member and an inelastically stretchable fourth member adapted to cover said third member.

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